

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 2 are independent claims.

Election of Species

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I directed to a single side printing apparatus; and
Species II directed to a double sides printing apparatus.

The Examiner has also required, if Species I is elected, an election among:

Species (A) - Fig. 4;
Species (B) - Figs. 14-16;
Species (C) - Figs, 17, 18;
Species (D) - Figs. 19, 20;
Species (E) - Figs. 21, 22; and
Species (F) - Figs. 23, 24.

The Examiner has further restricted each of the above sub-species between:

Species (1) - Fig. 5; and
Species (2) - Fig. 38.

Yet further, the Examiner has restricted each of the above 12 sub-species among:

Species (i) - Fig. 6;

Species (ii) - Fig. 11; and

Species (iii) - Figs. 12, 13.

Further, the Examiner has restricted the above 36 sub-species among:

Species (a) - Figs. 7, 8;

Species (b) - Figs. 9, 10; and

Species (c) - Figs. 25, 26.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, Species (a) (Fig. 4), Species (1) (Fig. 5), Species (i) (Fig. 6), and Species (a) (Figs. 7, 8), without traverse.

At least claims 1-6 and 9-16 are directed to the elected species.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended such that they are now generic.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi (Reg. No. 40,417) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview

in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$110.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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